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May 1, 1980

Mr. Lester Levy
2 Slade Avenue
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Dear Lester:

It was so pleasant talking to you the other day when I revived my interest in sheet music relating to money. There are three items which I do not have and which I would like very much to obtain if you know any dealers who have this sort of material. They are entitled:

MoHist

A Dollar or Two

by Henry Werner

Greenbacks (written by Dan Emmett)

*Be sure to take care of
your money my boys
by McVillie*

Goodbye Mr. Greenback.

I am enclosing a photocopy of the first one listed as it is so attractive. An incomplete example is at Washington University in St. Louis.

Keep up your writing.

Kindest regards from a fellow collector.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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LESTER S. LEVY
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May 2, 1980

Dear Eric:

It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you the other day and to learn of your continued musical interests.

I have searched and searched for the special record that you described to me with no success whatever. The chief of the music division of our public library tells me he has never heard of the concern which produced the record, and is under the impression that it must have been done privately.

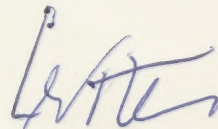
My own opinion is that someone who owned the two original old records must have arranged, at a much later date, to have them cut on one disc, with one on each side, because that is a comparatively recent operation and was not done nearly as early as 1904, the date of the St. Louis Exposition song.

I have not contacted the Library of Congress, but possibly they may be able to give you the name of the composer of each song, along with the original copyright owner, if indeed the songs were copyrighted. I really know nowhere else to turn to secure the information you want, except to venture the opinion that I would not imagine the disc to have any important financial value. Still I would be interested if you discover anything at all about it.

In recent years I have not attempted to add to my own collection, but instead have begun to give it away in sections to the library at the Johns Hopkins University which will use it for study and for display.

I do hope that you are feeling quite all right again and that it won't be too long before all of us can get together for some sort of reunion, whether it be musical, numismatic or, best of all, just personal. With all good wishes to you both in which Eleanor joins, I am,

Sincerely,



LESTER S. LEVY
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May 12, 1980

Mr. Eric P. Newman
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St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

I appreciate your letter of May 1st, which could not be answered sooner because we were out of the city for several days.

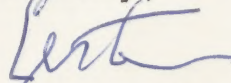
I am not sure whether I have mentioned the name of a dealer (or former dealer) in Omaha, Nebraska. At any rate, you might write to Mrs. John E. Cleary, 412 North Elmwood Road, Omaha, Nebraska 68132. Tell her that I suggested that you write her and see whether you have any luck.

Dealers in this sort of sheet music are scarce as hen's teeth. There is a bare possibility that Edward Morrill & Son Inc., 25 Kingston St., Boston, Mass. 02111, a book dealer who acquires music occasionally, may run across something or may give you further suggestions.

My own collection includes copies of the first two items mentioned in your letter, but I have never seen the third one or even heard of it before you mentioned it to me in a previous letter.

I hope all goes well with you and with kindest regards to you both, I am,

Sincerely,



Lester S. Levy

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